

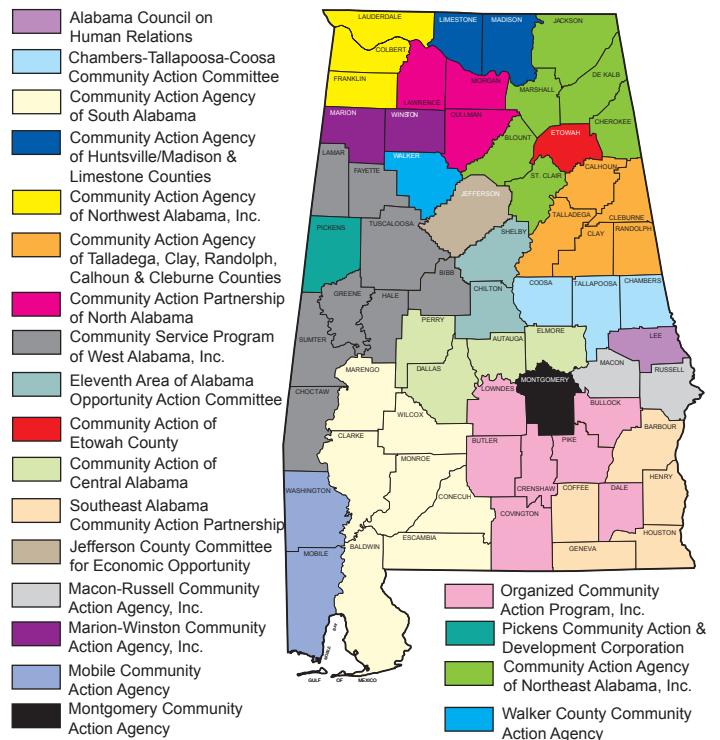
### INVESTMENTS IN ALABAMA

October 2015 – September 2016

The Community Services Block Grant program provides vital funds to alleviate the causes and conditions of poverty in Alabama communities. The Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs (ADECA) receives CSBG funding from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to help low-income residents achieve self-sufficiency through a variety of programs designed to mitigate the effects of poverty and address potential barriers to success. **ADECA partners with 21 regional community action agencies** to provide programs and assistance at the local level.

From Oct. 1, 2015 to Sept. 30, 2016, ADECA awarded CSBG's **totaling \$12.3 million** to provide critical support to **178,504 individuals, including 55,631 children and 47,073 seniors**. About **75 percent** of those served by a CSBG-funded program were considered at or below the poverty level.

Alabama Community Action Agencies Districts



### INVESTMENT PRIORITIES IN ALABAMA

#### Education and Employment

Community action agencies used **\$2.8 million in CSBG funds** for programs to help participants obtain a GED, receive career readiness training and obtain employment. Other programs helped participants learn income management and other important skills to increase self-sufficiency.

#### Health and Nutrition

**CSBG funds totaling \$963,027** help low-income Alabamians with health-care needs and provided access to nutritious and healthy foods.

#### Housing and Emergency Services

Community action agencies provide housing assistance and other emergency assistance services with the help of **\$3.5 million in ADECA CSBG funds**.

#### Community Partnerships

**CSBG funds totaling \$3.1 million** helped community action agencies leverage additional funding and build partnerships with other local agencies to address needs in their communities.

### IMPACT ON YOUTH

Through the Sons and Daughters program, Florence-based **Community Action Agency of Northwest Alabama** works with youth referred from the juvenile court system to teach and reinforce good decision making, consequences, education, parenting and other relevant topics.

**Community Action Partnership of North Alabama** partners with the City of Decatur's Youth Services and local businesses to create summer employment opportunities for at-risk youth.

### INVESTMENTS IN ACTION

Through the Brown Bag Program, Enterprise-based **Southeast Alabama Community Action Partnership** partners with the Wiregrass Area United Way Food Bank to provide individuals age 60 and older with bags of groceries during the third week of the month – the time when most budgets are depleted. The program helps those whose main source of income is Social Security and often must choose between nutritious foods and crucial medications.